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Subject: Quick review: Make sure I'm capturing gist of Feb. 17th meeting

Hi guys--

Was giving Joelle and update on the Feb. 17th meeting following our call yesterday--specifically staff-level view that no further work is needed on the other 3 areas. We're concerned that the agreements (as we understood) from "Willis" meetings with Richard/Dick haven't made it to the staff level and need to soon to make sure further conversations will be productive.

Joelle asked me to draft a short email that she could run by Christine that they could jointly send to Dennis.

My attempt at something is below but since I wasn't at the meeting on the 17th, wanted to run by you guys to make sure I'm capturing the essence correctly. Let me know what you think.

Dennis—

We wanted to give you a heads up on some recent staff level conversations EPA and NMFS had with ODF and DEQ and potential implications they may have on the state's commitment to addressing the remaining CZARA forestry issues.

The meeting focused on status of the riparian rule, but discussion also touched on the other three remaining CZARA forestry issues (roads, landslides and herbicide application). ODF staff were still asserting the same messages from their March 2014 submission—that the state's current efforts in these three arenas was adequate and Oregon did not need to do more to address.

Our understanding of your conversations with Whitman and Pederson was that the state recognized and was committed to doing more to address all four outstanding forestry issues, not just riparian protection. If this is an accurate assessment, that message has not made its way down to the staff level yet but needs to soon so that future conversations with the state will be productive. Oregon has a tight to demonstrate a commitment to address all four forestry issues before July.

We know CZARA may not be a priority for the Gov's Office right now given recent events, but do you have advice on how we can make sure the agreements that were made at the highest levels are reaching the staff we need to work with? Perhaps a you could reach out to Whitman to convey the importance?

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